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To : Director/OPR  
Re : Sino-Soviet Reconciliation

Lew--

I am as convinced as any one that a Sino-Soviet reconciliation is unlikely under current circumstances. However, I believe it would be worth doing a paper which examines in some detail the various ways a reconciliation might come about.

Specifically, I would like a study which describes and assesses a variety of situations, developments, and events which might occur in the future and which might bring about various degrees of reconciliation. This study should also examine the factors and forces which now exist or may develop in the future. Those postulated developments fostering reconciliation could serve as indicators to be watched. Obviously, the study would have to consider developments in the USSR and PRC but should also factor in developments in other countries as well.

Please discuss this proposition with your people and let me know their reactions.

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